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18 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
19 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

20 SIX4THREE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability  
21 company,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 FACEBOOK, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
25 MARK ZUCKERBERG, an individual;  
26 CHRISTOPHER COX, an individual;  
27 JAVIER OLIVAN, an individual;  
28 SAMUEL LESSIN, an individual;  
MICHAEL VERNAL, an individual;  
ILYA SUKHAR, an individual; and  
DOES 1-50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CIV 533328

Assigned for all purposes to Hon. V. Raymond  
Swope, Dept. 23

**DEFENDANT FACEBOOK, INC.'S  
OPPOSITION TO BIRNBAUM & GODKIN,  
LLP'S MARCH 22, 2019 MOTION TO SEAL**

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Judge: Honorable V. Raymond Swope

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1      **I. INTRODUCTION**

2           Birnbaum & Godkin’s (“B&G”) March 22 sealing motion is the third misguided attempt to mask  
3        the involvement of one of its retained consultants in this action.<sup>1</sup> Details of the alleged expert’s work  
4        have appeared in public filings. The parties have discussed him on the record in open court, and this  
5        Court has issued orders naming him and requiring that he file sworn declarations regarding his conduct.  
6        B&G now seeks to seal information related to this consultant on the basis of unspecified “harm of  
7        disclosure” of “identity and personal identifying information.”<sup>2</sup> *See* Mem. of P. & A. in Supp. of Mot. to  
8        Seal (“Mot.”) at 2 (Mar. 22, 2019). But **B&G itself** named this consultant in its motion to seal. *Id.* For  
9        that and the reasons that follow, the Court must reject B&G’s futile efforts to cover up Six4Three’s  
10       consultant’s role in this action.

11      **II. ARGUMENT**

12      **A. The Court Should Not Seal Information in the Declaration of Six4Three’s Retained  
13       Consultant and Its Exhibit That Identifies the Declarant.**

14        B&G first asks this Court to seal redacted portions of a declaration signed on March 20, 2019 (the  
15       “March 20 Declaration”). The declaration’s contents—and declarant—are obvious: The declaration  
16       states that it is a “response to Case Management Order No. 19, ¶ 3.” Decl. of Zachary G.F Abrahamson  
17       in Opp’n to B&G’s March 22 Mot. to Seal submitted herewith (“Abrahamson Decl.”) Ex. 1, March 20  
18       Decl. Paragraph 3 of Case Management Order No. 19 expressly names the retained consultant by name.  
19       Abrahamson Decl. Ex. 2, CMO 19 ¶ 3 (Mar. 1, 2019). Critically, B&G itself removed any doubt about  
20       the declarant’s identity. When B&G moved to seal the declaration at issue on March 22, it publicly  
21       revealed in that motion the identity of the declarant. Mot. at 2:6. That single revelation defeats the  
22       purpose of redactions intended to protect “**the identity** and personal identifying information of one of  
23       Plaintiff’s non-testifying experts.” *Id.* at 2:8–10 (emphasis added). Relatedly, B&G cannot claim any  
24       “harm of disclosure” when **B&G itself** publicly named him. *See id.* at 3:5–7. Indeed, for months, the  
25       public docket in this case has identified the Six4Three consultant. If B&G actually thought that

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<sup>1</sup> As with its other Oppositions to B&G’s motions to seal, Facebook withholds the name of Six4Three’s  
27       retained experts out of an abundance of caution, despite the fact that they have been publicly identified  
28       by name on multiple occasions.

<sup>2</sup> Facebook does not oppose redacting Six4Three’s retained consultant’s contact information.

1 disclosure “would cause harm to the individual,” then B&G should have long ago addressed the docket’s  
2 disclosure of him as the declarant.

3           **B. The Court Should Not Seal the Redacted Portions of the Exhibit to the March 20**  
4           **Declaration.**

5           B&G’s motion also asks the Court to seal redactions to the Exhibit to the March 20 Declaration  
6 (hereinafter, “March 20 Decl. Ex.”). As stated above, the public nature of that request requires the Court  
7 to reject any redactions made to protect the declarant’s identity, which B&G itself revealed. *See supra*.  
8 Moreover, like the Declaration itself, the subjects of various redactions to the March 20 Declaration are  
9 easily discerned by reference to other public filings. For example, *compare*:

- 10         • March 20 Decl. Ex. at 001 *with* Decl. of Zachary G.F Abrahamson in Opp’n to B&G.’s March 18  
11 Mot. to Seal submitted herewith (“Abrahamson Decl.”) Ex. 3, Decl. of David S. Godkin in Resp.  
to CMO No. 19, Redacted for Public Filing (“March 18 Redacted Decl.”) ¶ 10.
- 12         • March 20 Decl. Ex. at 002 *with* Abrahamson Decl. Ex. 4, Decl. of David S. Godkin in Supp. of  
13 Resp. to Def.’s *Ex Parte* Appl. for Order Enforcing Stipulated Protective Order ¶ 2 (Feb. 28,  
2019) (“Feb. 28, 2019 Godkin Decl.”).
- 14         • March 20 Decl. Ex. at 042 *with* Abrahamson Decl. Ex. 4, Feb. 28, 2019 Godkin Decl. ¶ 3.
- 15         • March 20 Decl. Ex. at 043 *with* Abrahamson Decl. Ex. 5, Facebook’s *Ex Parte* Application for an  
16 Order Enforcing the Stipulated Protective Order at 7:7–8 (Feb. 25, 2019) (“Facebook’s Feb. 25,  
2019 *Ex Parte*”).
- 17         • March 20 Decl. Ex. at 048 *with* Abrahamson Decl. Ex. 5, Facebook’s Feb. 25, 2019 *Ex Parte* at  
6:16–19.

20           As the public docket, B&G’s motion, and this basic review of other public filings make clear, the  
21 exhibit redactions correspond to the declaration of Six4Three’s retained consultant, who has been  
22 publicly named on multiple occasions. Any attempt to seal those redactions to cloak his identity is futile  
23 and misguided.

24           In addition, sealing these materials would leave the parties and Court adrift as to how to treat  
25 public filings that identify Six4Three’s consultant. For example, would Facebook have to lodge  
26 conditionally under seal any filing that identifies him based on Mr. Godkin’s public February 28

1 Declaration, B&G's non-confidential document production, public hearing transcripts, or the Court's  
2 March 15 Order?<sup>3</sup>

3 **III. CONCLUSION**

4 For the foregoing reasons, B&G's March 22 motion to seal should be DENIED in part.

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28 <sup>3</sup> In addition to information identifying Six4Three's consultant, B&G's motion asks that the Court seal  
information about certain third parties connected to these proceedings. *See generally* Exhibit at 035–036,  
042. Facebook does not oppose redacting these third parties' identifying information.

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11          foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 8, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

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